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FOR SECRETARY VANCE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, CY, US  
SUBJECT: DAVIES CASE

REFS: (A) STATE 15063; (B) 76 NICOSIA 3098

1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION (REF A) TO SEND YOU MY PERSONAL VIEWS ON ANY SUBJECT. I WILL NOT HESITATE TO DO SO AND IN THIS REGARD WOULD LIKE FOR YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO BRING THE ASSASSINS OF AMBASSADOR ROGER DAVIES TO JUSTICE.

2. FOR THE PAST YEAR THE GOC HAS, AT OUR INSISTENCE, BEEN CARRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF DAVIES AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE ANTOINETTE VARNAVA. LEGAL PROCEDURES HAVE REACHED A CRITICAL POINT WHERE THE POLICE ARE ABOUT TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDICTMENTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR HIS DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE CASE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED. WE HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL ASSESS THE CASE ON THE BASIS OF ITS LEGAL MERIT AND THAT APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS WILL BE INITIATED. THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF THE DAVIES CASE IS,  
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HOWEVER, A VERY SENSITIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE IN CYPRUS AND THERE MAY BE A RISK OF THE GOC'S APPLYING POLITICAL CRITERIA TO MINIMIZE OR AVOID SENTENCES.

3. TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GOC'S MISCALCULATING THE INTEREST OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF YOU COULD, IN YOUR FIRST

MEETING WITH THE CYPRUS AMBASSADOR, FOLD IN A REFERENCE TO YOUR OWN CONCERN THAT APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST THE PERSONS WHO COMMITTED THE VIOLENT ACTS THAT LED TO THE DAVIES DEATH. THIS WOULD BE A MOST USEFUL INDICATION TO THE GOC THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNLESS A SERIOUS EFFORT IS MADE TO BRING THE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE.

4. DOUG HECK IS FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE CASE AND PROGRESS TO DATE.

5. I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN THE TASKS AHEAD.  
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